

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 41

(By Delegates Mahan and Guthrie)

Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance study the cost-effectiveness of transporting animals from shelters in West Virginia to other states that have a system for adoption compared to the present system in West Virginia of maintaining animals for a statutorily prescribed period of time followed by euthanasia.

WHEREAS, Overpopulation of domestic animals is a problem in West Virginia and creates a financial burden on the counties of the state; and

WHEREAS, West Virginia seeks a more cost-effective and humane system than its current one for addressing its domestic animal overpopulation within its borders; and

WHEREAS, Many states, particularly northeastern states, have the capacity and willingness to absorb some of West Virginia's animal overpopulation; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Delegates of West Virginia:

That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance study the cost-effectiveness of transporting West Virginia's excess animal population to other states; and, be it

1 *Further Resolved*, That the study conducted by the Joint
2 Committee on Government and Finance specifically evaluate options
3 for animal transportation including, but not limited to, use of
4 shelter employees employed by counties of West Virginia, use of
5 volunteers and use of transporters from potential receiving states;
6 and, be it

7 *Further Resolved*, That the Joint Committee on Government and
8 Finance explore the possibility of defraying the costs of the
9 program through public or private sector grants or funding; and, be
10 it

11 *Further Resolved*, That the Joint Committee on Government and
12 Finance report to the regular session of the Legislature, 2012, on
13 its findings, conclusions and recommendations, together with drafts
14 of any legislation necessary to effectuate its recommendations;
15 and, be it

16 *Further Resolved*, That the expenses necessary to conduct this
17 study, to prepare a report and to draft legislation be paid from
18 legislative appropriations to the Joint Committee on Government and
19 Finance.